

THE RETURN OF DR. WILY

PART 1 OF 4

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TO MEGA MAN!  
FOR HIS SELF-  
LESS SERVICE TO  
MANKIND! MAY  
HIS DAYS OF  
FIGHTING FINALLY  
BE OVER!

**GOOD-BYE,  
MEGA MAN!**

TO  
MEGA  
MAN!

TO  
MEGA  
MAN!

TO  
MEGA  
MAN!

THANKS,  
EVERY-  
ONE!

# THE RETURN OF DOCTOR WILY

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ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, ROCK? I MEAN ...YOU BEING MEGA MAN WAS *SO COOL!*

THANKS, AUTO, BUT I'M SURE. I WAS BUILT TO HELP DOCTOR LIGHT BUILD ROBOTS, NOT TO BLAST THEM.



BUT YOU LOOKED SO AWESOME DOING IT! WITH A "PYEW-PYEW" HERE AND A "BLAMO" THERE...!

NLH-LH, HE WAS BRAVE AND STRONG, BUT NOW HE GETS TO STAY AT HOME, WHERE IT'S SAFE.

IT'LL BE NICE TO HAVE THINGS QUIET AROUND HERE AGAIN.

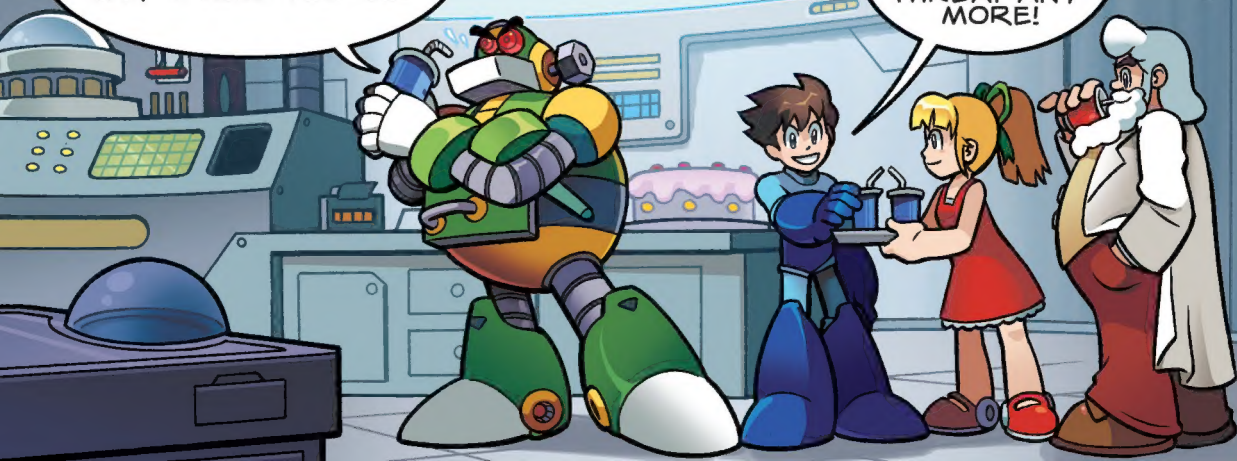


PROGRAM SOME SENSE INTO THE KID, DOC! HE'S GIVING UP A GLORIOUS FUTURE AS A SUPER HERO!

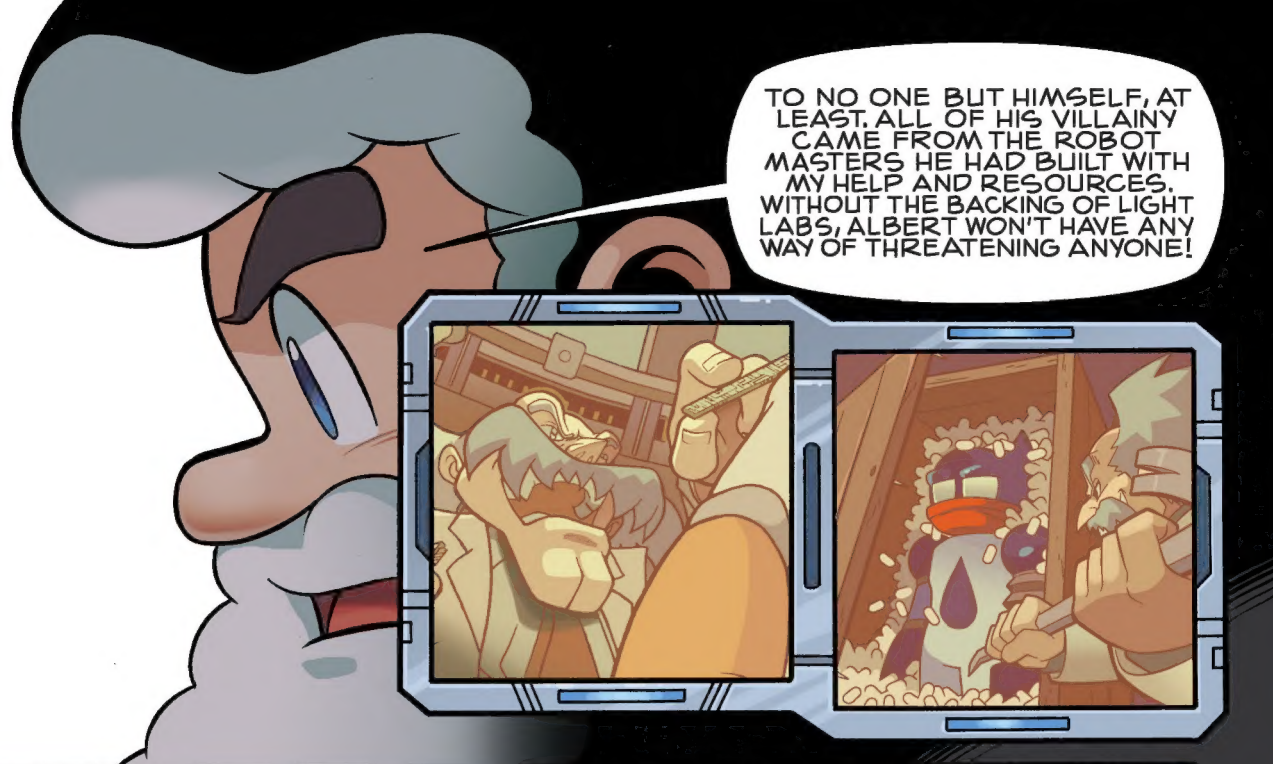
I'M SORRY, AUTO, BUT I'M IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH ROCK. I'M PROUD OF ALL ROCK'S HEROISM, BUT I'M QUITE READY TO HAVE MY BOY SAFE AT HOME.

FINE. WHEN WILY SHOWS UP, IN HIS SKULL-PLANE, SHOOTING SKULL-MISSILES AND TAKES OVER THE WORLD FROM HIS SKULL CASTLE, I CAN SAY, "I TOLD YOU SO."

ACTUALLY, DR. LIGHT DOESN'T THINK DR. WILY IS A THREAT ANY-MORE!







TO NO ONE BUT HIMSELF, AT LEAST. ALL OF HIS VILLAINY CAME FROM THE ROBOT MASTERS HE HAD BUILT WITH MY HELP AND RESOURCES. WITHOUT THE BACKING OF LIGHT LABS, ALBERT WON'T HAVE ANY WAY OF THREATENING ANYONE!

AND IF HE DID COME OUT OF HIDING AND TRY SOMETHING, THE POLICE WOULD GET HIM!

EXACTLY. I'M SURE WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF MY OLD... FRIEND.

WELL... THEN WHAT ABOUT ME?! I *JUST* CAME BACK TO THE LAB! IF YOU'RE THE DOC'S ASSISTANT, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

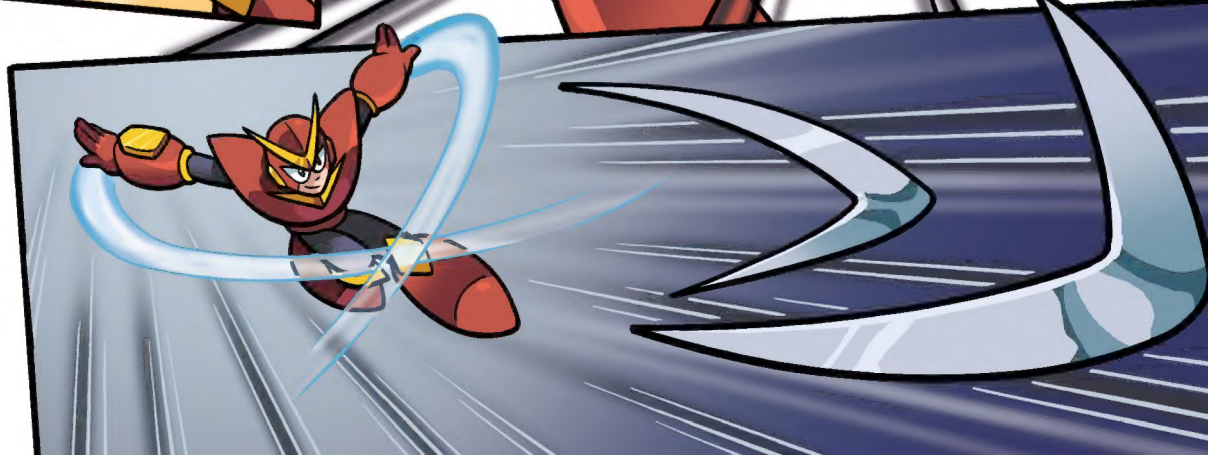
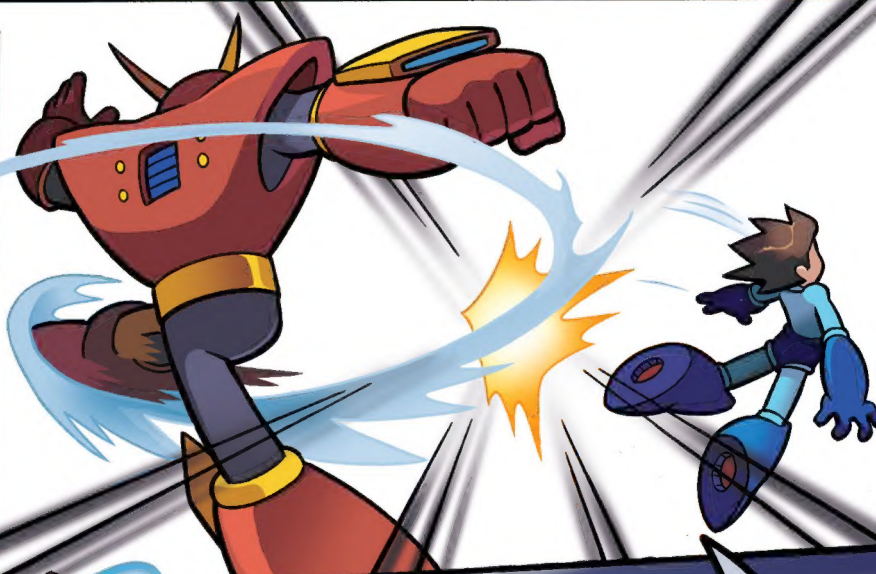
YOU ALWAYS HAVE YOUR SHOP, RIGHT? BESIDES, EVEN WHEN I'M BACK FULL TIME, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE!

GIVE UP TRYING TO CONVINCE HIM. AUTO'S JUST BEING A FAN-BOT.

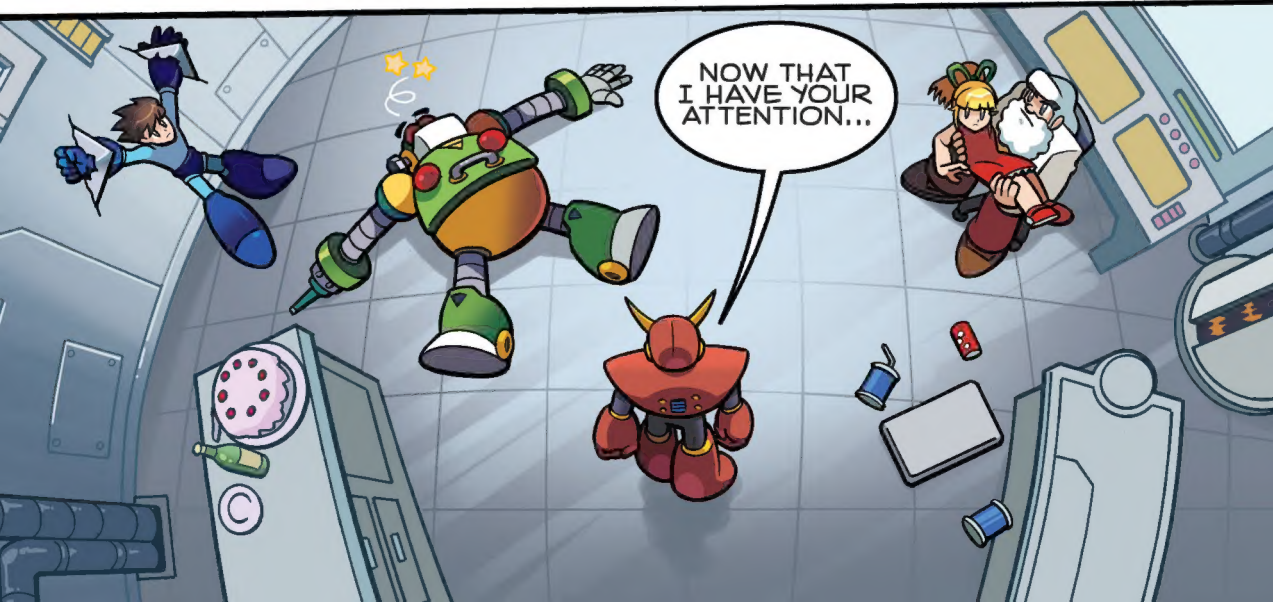
HAHA  
HAHA  
HA!

HAHAHA!  
YEAH! WHAT A LAUGH!











I'M HERE TO  
ANNOUNCE THAT MY  
CREATOR...DR. WILY  
...HAS RETURNED.  
YOU AND THIS CITY,  
TO SAY NOTHING OF  
THE *WORLD*, WILL  
PAY FOR HIS PAST  
EMBARRASMENTS.\*

MY SEVEN BROTHERS  
STAND READY TO TURN  
THIS CITY INTO RUBBLE  
IN SIX HOURS. UNLESS  
THE BWAWE WITTLE MEGA  
MAN CAN STOP US.

AND *JUST* MEGA MAN.  
CALL THE AUTHORITIES,  
TRY AN EVACUATION, AND  
WE START EARLY. I'LL GIVE  
YOU AN HOUR TO FIND ME  
IN TITANIUM PARK. THAT  
SHOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME,  
EVEN FOR *YOU*!

\*MM GN  
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RRRGH!  
JUST A  
SECOND,  
ROCK! I'LL  
GET YOU  
DOWN!

THANKS,  
AUTO.

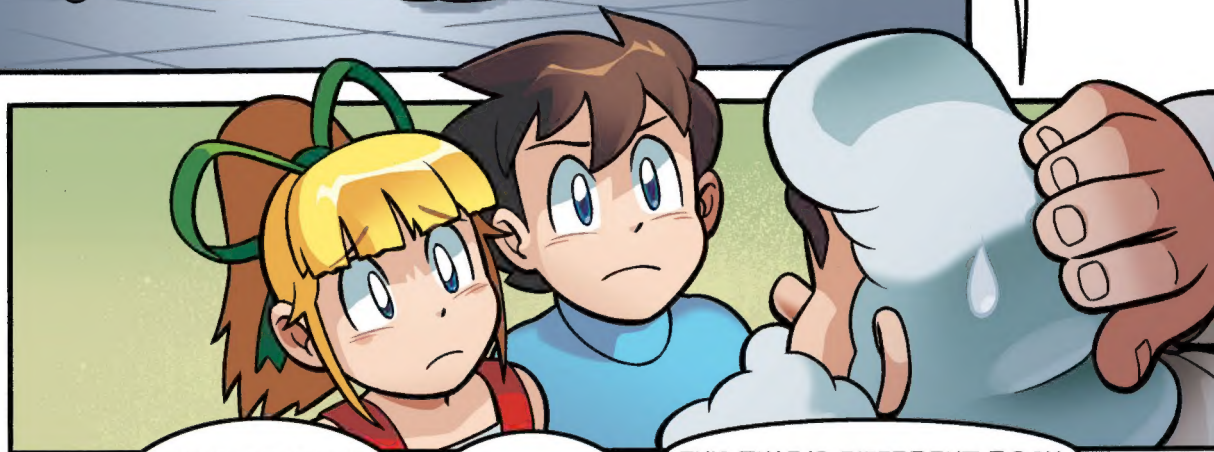




ARE YOU DAMAGED, ROLL?

I'M FINE. BUT... YOU SAID THERE WAS NO WAY DR. WILY COULD BUILD MORE ROBOTS!

I... I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S GOTTEN THE RESOURCES. HE *SHOULDN'T* BE ABLE TO BUILD MORE ROBOT MASTERS... LET ALONE *EIGHT* OF THEM... THIS QUICKLY...



I'VE BEATEN DR. WILY BEFORE, AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN. I WON'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH HURTING MY FAMILY!

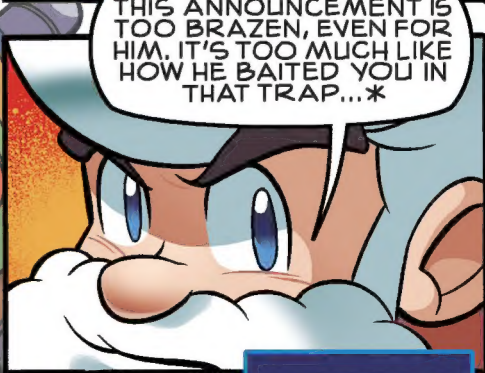
WOO! LOOKS LIKE MEGA MAN IS NEEDED TO KICK SOME BUTT AGAIN AFTER ALL!

THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT, ROCK. THE ROBOT MASTERS HE STOLE LAST TIME WERE MEANT TO *WORK*, NOT FIGHT. I HAVE NO DOUBT THIS NEW LINE WILL BE DESIGNED WITH COMBAT--AND COMBATTING *YOU*--AT THEIR CORE. WHY ELSE...



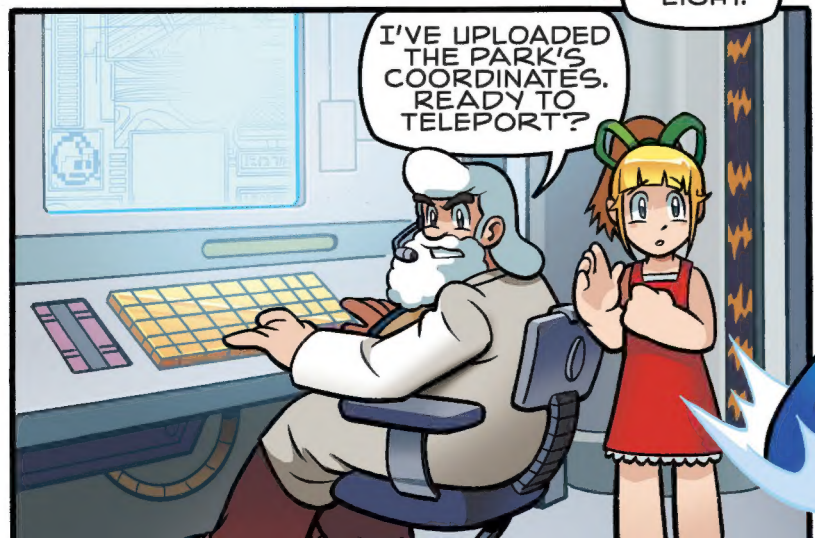
...WOULD HE CALL YOU OUT LIKE THIS?

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS TOO BRAZEN, EVEN FOR HIM. IT'S TOO MUCH LIKE HOW HE BAITED YOU IN THAT TRAP...\*



\*MM #5-8.









TITANIUM PARK,  
DOWNTOWN...





Mega Man is in a forest, looking surprised with his hands outstretched. A sign in the background says "WILLOW PARK".

WAIT...  
YOU'RE NOT  
THE ROBOT  
MASTER WHO  
ATTACKED  
US...

A large, grey, mechanical robot is built into a large tree trunk. It has various pipes, wires, and a control panel with a screen. It looks like a complex, ancient machine.


NO, THAT WOULD'VE  
BEEN QUICK MAN.  
SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS  
TOO FAST AND GOT  
AHEAD OF HIMSELF  
--HEH, YOU'RE MEANT  
TO FIGHT--AND BE  
DESTROYED BY--ME.

A group of four robots are gathered in a clearing. From left to right: a small blue robot, a red chicken-like robot, a large brown robot, and a blue wolf-like robot. They all look concerned or surprised.

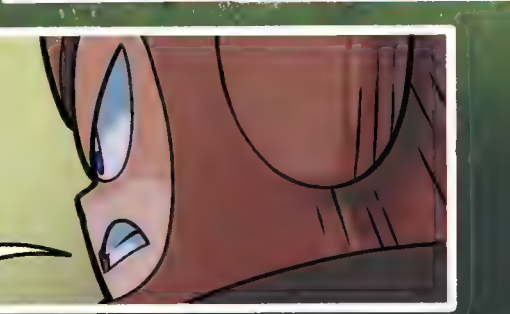
WHAT?!  
WHY?!

A close-up of the blue wolf-like robot from the previous panel. It has a determined, slightly angry expression. A red chicken-like robot is visible behind it.

BECAUSE  
THAT'S MY  
FUNCTION.

Mega Man is shown from the waist up, looking towards the right and gesturing with his hands.

WAIT A MINUTE! WE  
DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT!  
DOCTOR LIGHT CAN RE-  
PROGRAM YOU, AND YOU  
CAN HAVE A NEW PURPOSE!

A close-up of the large brown robot's face. It has a serious, somewhat menacing expression.

AND WHAT PURPOSE  
WOULD AN ALL-  
WOOD ROBOT  
HAVE? NO, I *HAVE*  
MY PURPOSE...







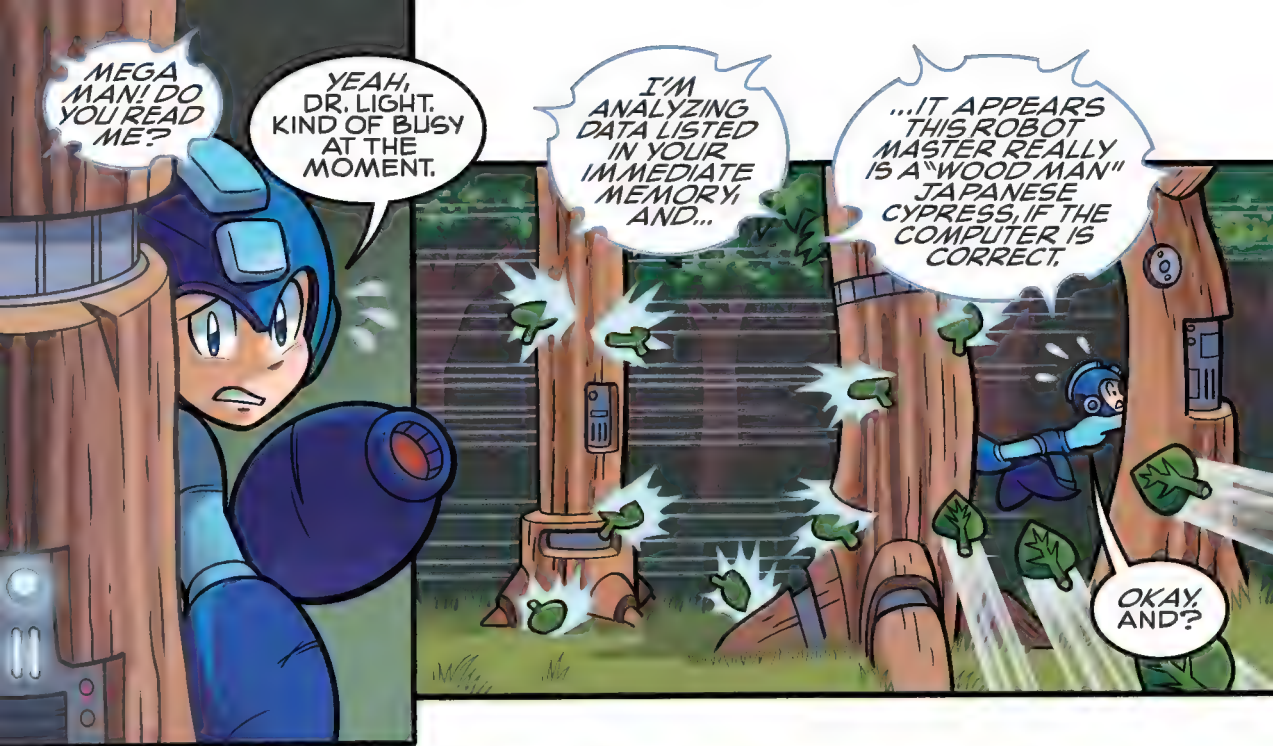


THIS  
IS THE BEST  
YOU CAN DO?  
DR. WILY HAD ME  
WORRIED FOR  
NOTHING.

OW!







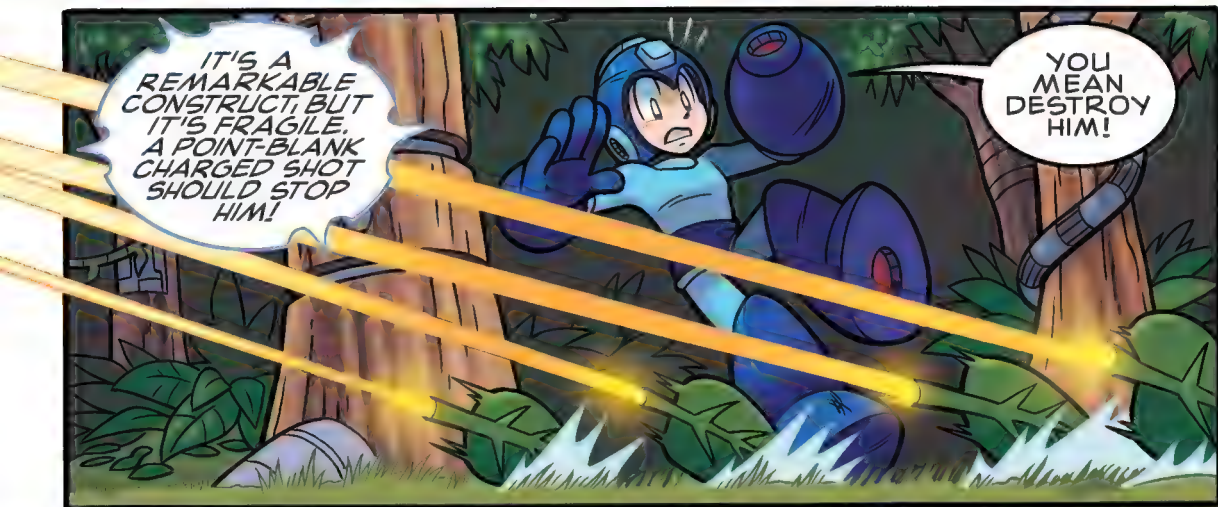
MEGA  
MAN! DO  
YOU READ  
ME?

YEAH,  
DR. LIGHT.  
KIND OF BUSY  
AT THE  
MOMENT.

I'M  
ANALYZING  
DATA LISTED  
IN YOUR  
IMMEDIATE  
MEMORY,  
AND...

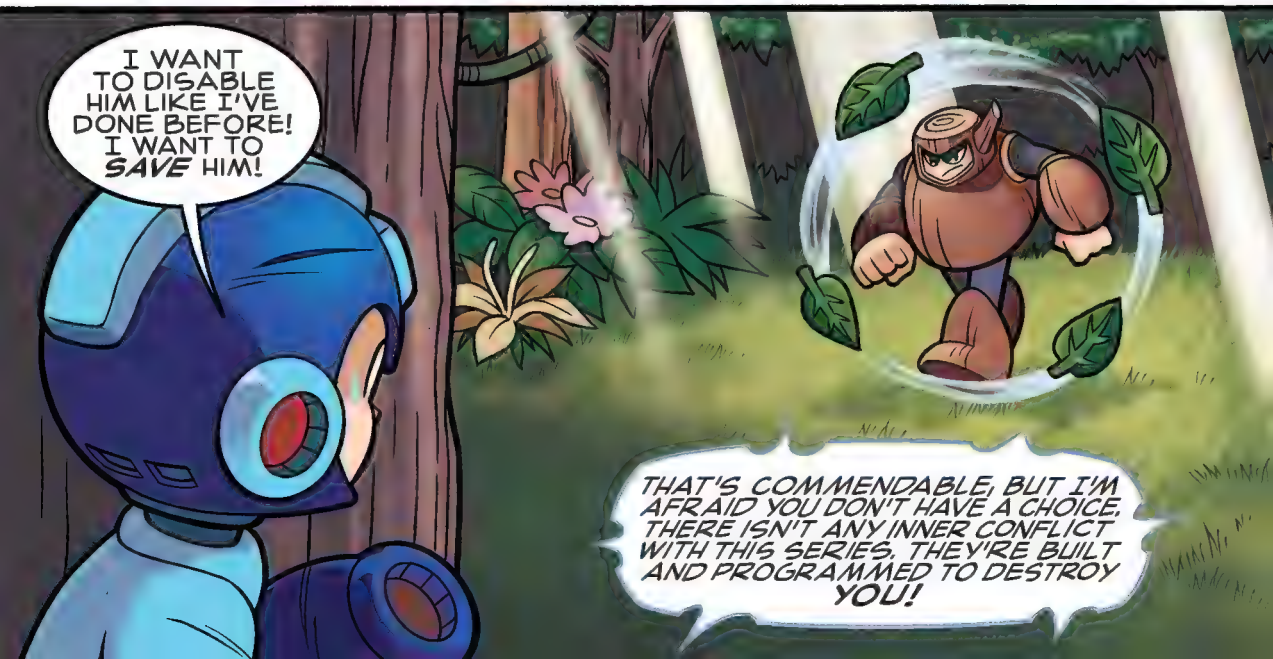
...IT APPEARS  
THIS ROBOT  
MASTER REALLY  
IS A "WOOD MAN"  
JAPANESE  
CYPRESS, IF THE  
COMPUTER IS  
CORRECT.

OKAY,  
AND?



IT'S A  
REMARKABLE  
CONSTRUCT, BUT  
IT'S FRAGILE.  
A POINT-BLANK  
CHARGED SHOT  
SHOULD STOP  
HIM!

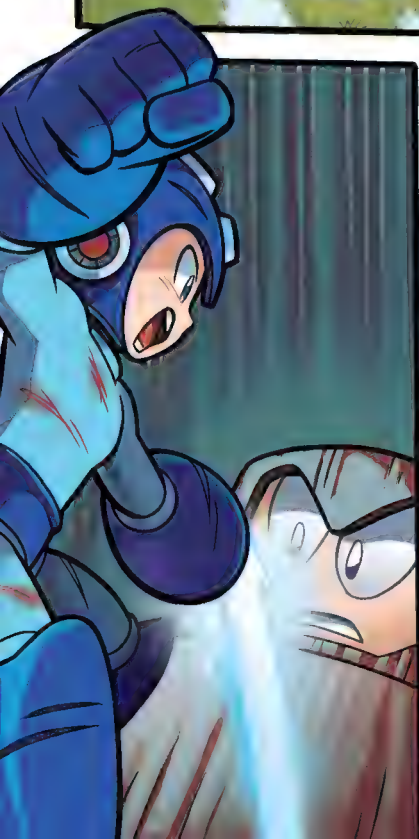
YOU  
MEAN  
DESTROY  
HIM!



I WANT  
TO DISABLE  
HIM LIKE I'VE  
DONE BEFORE!  
I WANT TO  
SAVE HIM!

THAT'S COMMENDABLE, BUT I'M  
AFRAID YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.  
THERE ISN'T ANY INNER CONFLICT  
WITH THIS SERIES. THEY'RE BUILT  
AND PROGRAMMED TO DESTROY  
YOU!









IT'S  
...IT'S...  
DONE...



ALL RIGHT. SEE  
WHAT YOU CAN COPY  
FROM WOOD MAN.  
IF THE REST OF  
THESE ROBOT  
MASTERS ARE AS  
HARDY, YOU'LL NEED  
EVERY WEAPON AT  
YOUR DISPOSAL.

R--  
RIGHT.

ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT? THERE  
WAS A STRANGE  
ENERGY SPIKE  
JUST NOW.

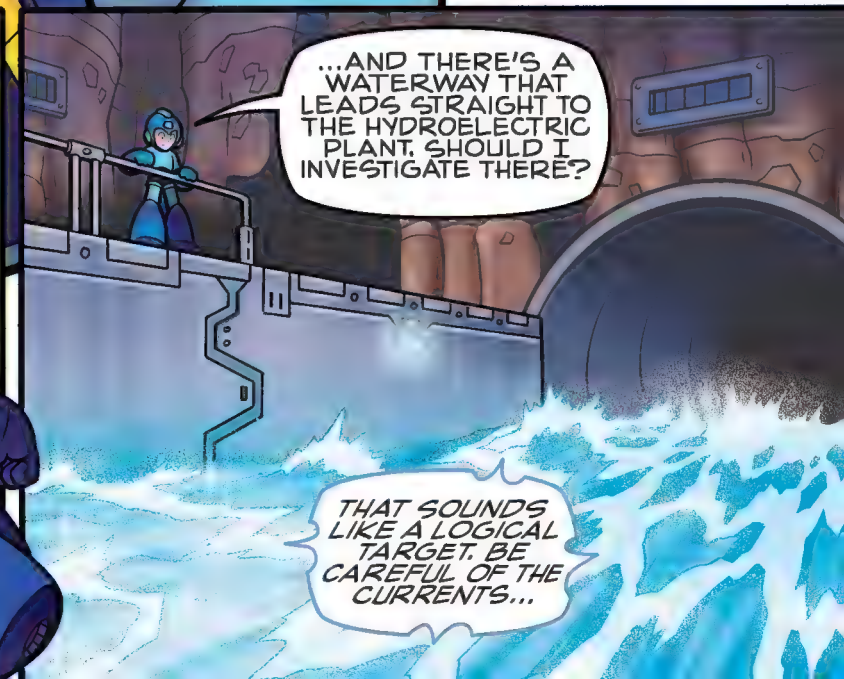
YEAH... FINE. DOCTOR  
LIGHT... DO YOU THINK YOU  
COULD RE-BUILD HIM? AND  
THE OTHERS IF I... IF I HAVE  
TO...

I CAN'T MAKE ANY  
PROMISES, BUT I WILL TRY.  
RIGHT NOW, YOU NEED TO  
FOCUS ON STOPPING  
ALBERT'S AMBITIONS--  
FOR HUMANS AND ROBOTS  
ALIKE.

I'M NOT SURE  
WHERE TO SEND  
YOU NEXT, THOUGH.  
THESE NEW ROBOT  
MASTERS ARE  
KEEPING A LOW  
PROFILE.



WELL, THE FIRST  
ONE SAID THEY  
WERE IN POSITION  
TO DESTROY THE  
CITY. THE PARK IS  
A CENTRAL  
LOCATION...



...AND THERE'S A  
WATERWAY THAT  
LEADS STRAIGHT  
TO THE HYDROELECTRIC  
PLANT. SHOULD I  
INVESTIGATE THERE?

THAT SOUNDS  
LIKE A LOGICAL  
TARGET. BE  
CAREFUL OF THE  
CURRENTS...



"...AND  
THE  
WATER-  
FALL!"

"THAT'S IT, 'BLUE BOMBER'!  
YOU'RE ENTERING MY DOMAIN!  
THE DOMAIN OF BUBBLE MAN!"

"IT CERTAINLY  
WON'T BE  
MASTER WILY  
...AND IT  
CERTAINLY  
WON'T BE AT  
ME."

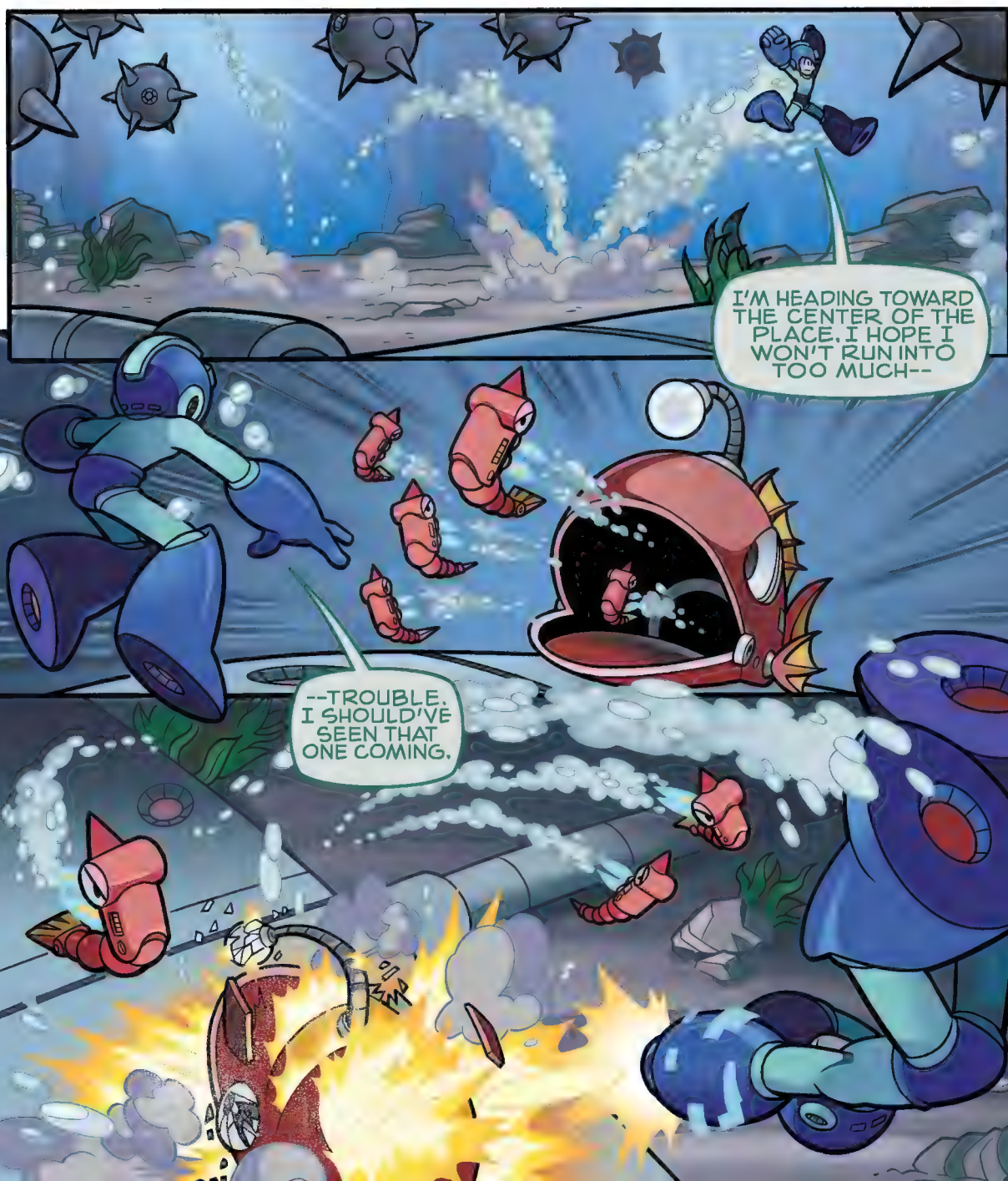
"NOT ANY-  
MORE, AT  
LEAST."

"...IT'LL BE  
AT YOU."

"YOU JUST KEEP SHOW-  
ING OFF, MR. MY-LEGS-  
WORK-ON-LAND. WE'LL  
SEE WHO'S LAUGHING  
WHEN YOU HAVE TO  
SWIM FACING ME!"









OH, COME *ON!* THOSE ROBOTS  
WERE WASTE-MANAGEMENT! DO  
YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS TO  
WEAPONIZE THEM?! NO, DON'T  
DESTROY-- **ARRRGH!**



YOU'RE  
MAKING A  
MOCKERY OF  
ME! AND I'M  
TIRED OF  
BEING  
MOCKED!



GO AHEAD! FIGHT YOUR  
WAY THROUGH EVERY  
ROBOT I STATIONED HERE!  
AVOID EVERY TRAP I SO  
CAREFULLY LAID OUT.



I'LL BE WAITING FOR  
YOU. I'LL BE HERE,  
PREPARING YOUR  
WATERY GRAVE!  
AND I'LL SAY,  
"WELCOME TO  
DAVY JONES'S  
LOCKER!"

HELLO? DID YOU  
SAY YOU'RE 'DAVY  
JONES MAN'?



I'M  
LOOKING FOR  
A DANGEROUS  
ROBOT  
MASTER.





OH, ARE YOU?!

WELL, HOW'S A CONCENTRATED BUBBLE OF SULFURIC ACID?

DANGEROUS ENOUGH FOR YA?!



WHOA!



NOOO--?!



I'M READING  
DANGEROUSLY  
CORROSIVE  
LEVELS OF  
SULFURIC ACID  
AROUND YOU.  
ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT?

I'M OKAY! I CAN  
FEEL IT ON THE  
ARMOR, BUT I'LL  
BE OUT OF HERE  
IN JUST A SECOND.

I'LL SEE IF  
HE HAD  
WEAPON DATA  
TO COPY AND  
...NRRGH!

ROCK?  
THAT'S THE  
SECOND TIME I'VE  
GOTTEN A VIRUS  
WARNING WHEN YOU  
USED YOUR COPY  
CHIP.

I'M FINE.  
ANY IDEA  
WHERE I  
SHOULD  
HEAD TO  
NEXT?

YOU'VE  
ALREADY  
ENDURED  
TWO FIGHTS.  
COME BACK  
TO THE LAB  
SO I CAN--

THERE'S BARELY  
FIVE HOURS  
UNTIL  
THE OTHERS ATTACK.  
I CAN'T STOP NOW.







A comic book panel showing Mega Man in his red and yellow armor pinning Quick Man to the ground. Quick Man is wearing blue armor and has a surprised expression. In the background, a large yellow and white aircraft with 'DR.' on its side is visible.

HEY,  
THERE.  
REMEMBER  
ME?

**MEGA MAN** BARELY SURVIVED  
THE LAST TWO **ROBOT MASTERS!**  
CAN HE ESCAPE **QUICK MAN?**  
OR IS THIS GAME OVER?!

**NEXT TIME:**  
**DR. WILY'S ATTACK HEATS UP!**



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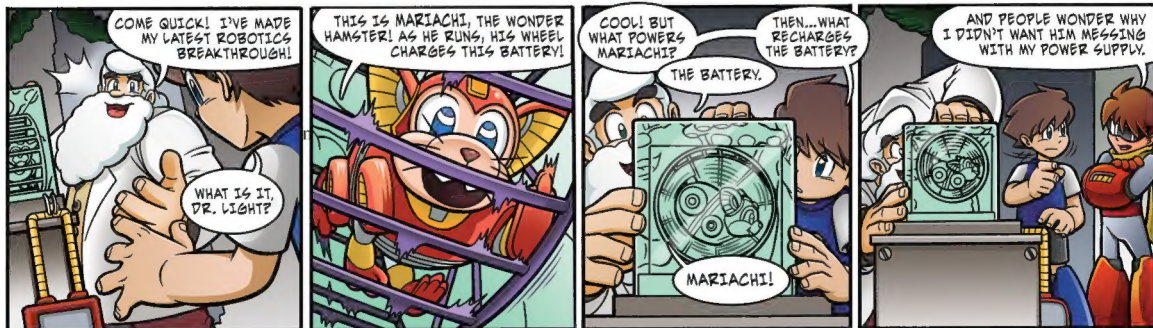
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**The start of a new arc means the start of a new batch-o-mail! Bring on the postage!**

**Dear Mega-Mail,**  
I am enjoying the "Time Keeps Slipping..." story arc much more than the previous one.

**Awesome! It's getting better all the time! :)**

I love the interaction between the robots, especially Mega Man's friendliness towards them. Mega Man battling the CWU-01P alongside Ice Man and Cut Man is a good example of this. I loved Ice Man's quips and his clear frustration when he sees that they've gone in circles. I also find it interesting that Cut Man addresses Mega Man as "sir". I think that's actually a fascinating plot point. Maybe the other robot masters resent our hero because they see him as an authority figure?

**Expect more development on that particular plot point as the series rolls on! I mean, if I were a robot master (and I'm not... at least, I think I'm not... maybe I'm just a robot programmed to believe I'm NOT a robot?!?) I wouldn't like it very much to have to take orders from another robot that my creator refers to as "son"!**

I also loved the love/hate relationship between Oil Man and Time Man. They're polar opposites, and they grate on each other. I like the concept that they have individual personalities and just because they're

"programmed" to be "evil" doesn't mean they all always get along. Wily yelling at them was another great scene.

**Can't wait for the finale!**  
**Jonathan A. G.**  
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

**Thanks for the letter, Jonathan! I too enjoyed the interaction between Time Man and Oil Man, they're a regular odd couple! Hope you enjoyed the finale in issue #8, write back in and let us know what you thought!**

**Dear Mega-Mail,**  
Hey guys, I just wanted to let you know what a great job you are doing with the Mega Man comics! I'm 21 years old and I've been reading and collecting comics for a long time, but it's been awhile since I've been this excited for a new issue every month. Mega Man is one of my all time favorite video game characters and now Mega Man is one of my all time favorite comic book series! It would be so amazing if you could show all of us Mega Man Legends fans some love with a Legends comic book series!

**As always, Can't wait for the next issue!**  
**Lawrence M.**  
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

**Thanks for the kind words, Lawrence! A Mega Man Legends comic series, eh? I've heard a lot of demand for an "X" series out there but this is our first for a "Legends" series! Anyone else out there want to see it? Write in**

**and let us know!**

**Dear Mega-Mail,**  
I was so excited months in advance before the series started and now it is booming! I am a huge fan of Mega Man! The work that the design team has been putting into each issue is phenomenal. I have a few questions:  
1) Can we expect a storyline showing the creation of "Rush" or will he just show up in the new story arc to save the day?

**Did you catch the cameo appearance in MM#8? Anyway, Rush will be showing up soon - get ready!**

2) I think Mega Man V (the letter not the numeral) would be a great story arc. Would you be willing to perhaps create an arc for this? It includes changing the Mega Buster into the Mega Arm, a new set of 9 Robot Masters, the "Stardroids", the first appearance of Tango the cat. Oh, and it's in space!

**We hope to include as many different aspects of the Mega Man mythos into the comic series as possible, including the Game Boy series!**

3) Put me as another tally for a Mega Man X series!

**Thanks again for the wonderful thing you are doing with Mega Man!**  
**Matt L.**

sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

**Will do! Thanks for writing in, Matt!**

**See y'all next month for part two of "THE RETURN OF DR. WILY"!**

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**THE RETURN OF DR. WILY: PART TWO**

**THE QUICK MAN COMETH!**

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